



# Waterfall Pre-Primary School

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*Play, Learn and Grow Together*

## **General Information 2020**

Waterfall Pre-Primary is a registered Christian Pre-Primary School. Our aim is to give our boys and girls the very best educational start in life. Our vision is: Hand-in-hand as we play, learn and grow together.

### **OUR ETHOS**

At Waterfall Pre-Primary it is our ultimate aim to nurture and encourage every child in our care to realise his/her full potential. Our teachers and staff are equipped to develop each little person's confidence, concentration, and age-appropriate life skills. This practical, hands-on approach ensures that children have the freedom to play and to learn in a secure loving environment. We are passionate about children learning to make sense of the world around them and believe that children should be children for as long as possible.

### **OUR SCHOOL**

When prospective families visit our school, the first aspects they remark on are the sounds of happy children, our uniquely contemporary 'home-from-home environment' with our spacious classrooms and our inviting child-centric play areas. Our newly built facility, which opened its doors in 2016, embraces its u-shape courtyard design which allows our little ones a feeling of comfort and freedom with the view facing play area as its central hub. The interior is joyful and playful and we take inspiration from our beautiful indigenous 41-acre iThemba Campus which is uniquely situated overlooking the Valley of 1000 Hills. Our boys and girls from the ages of 12 months to Grade 00 learn and blossom through teacher-directed play and are free to be themselves in our safe, warm and happy space.

### **OUR LEARNING APPROACH**

At Waterfall Pre-Primary we aim to provide an inspired yet balanced pre-primary curriculum delivered by qualified, passionate teachers who understand the developmental norms of young children. Our teachers guide and ignite a love for learning and discovery in our little ones through meaningful play activities which aim to develop all the senses to magnify future learning. We believe the three key ingredients to successful child development are love, time and play. We are an English medium school and follow the National Curriculum Framework (NCF). Our school is led by our Principal, Paula Mason, and well known Early Childhood Development expert, Sharron Lane, was appointed as Director in 2018. Through their combined knowledge the curriculum has been enhanced to ensure joyful learning through play for our little ones. Our team includes eight teachers, seven teacher assistants, six interns and three aftercare teachers. Politeness, courtesy, honesty and integrity are our core values and are incorporated in school activities.

### **OUR CLASSES**

12 months – 18 months	Violet Group	(Maximum class size 14)
19 months – 30 months	Purple Group	(Maximum class size 16)
2 years – 3 years	Orange Group & Peach Group	(Maximum class size 20)
Grade 000 (3 to 4 years)	Red Group & Blue Group	(Maximum class size 24)
Grade 00 (4 to 5 years)	Green Group & Yellow Group	(Maximum class size 24)

### **WATERFALL SCHOOLS**

Waterfall Pre-Primary is located adjacent to the Preparatory School where their team led by Headmaster, Brad Cooper, aims to 'unearth the treasure in every child'. We are grateful for our integral connection and collaboration with Waterfall Preparatory and Waterfall College as their feeder school. The trio of schools offers families a quality independent educational journey from 12 months to Grade 12 all on one campus. Boys and girls who move up to Grade R level (5 turning 6) at the Preparatory School are accepted on age-appropriate school readiness criteria.

## **PARENT PARTNERING**

At Waterfall Pre-Primary, we acknowledge that the pace of our modern lives, especially for families with young children is fast, sometimes too fast. It is our intention to minimize the peripheral stress for families through our parent partnering philosophy. Our parents love our 'Tadpoles' communication tool, morning snack and cooked meals, aftercare facility, holiday care programme and our party venue.

## **REPORTS**

We embrace an Open Door Policy and encourage our parents to chat to our teaching team. Parent 'feedback meetings' are held in the first and third terms. Written reports on your child's progress are provided at the end of the second and fourth terms.

## **SCHOOL HOURS AND AFTERCARE FACILITY**

The Pre-Primary follows private school terms and is open from 07h00 every week day for early morning care. The school programme for 12 months to Grade 00 begins at 08:00, ending at 12:00. The Violet, Purple, Orange and Peach groups can be collected from 11:50 to help alleviate traffic. To cater for our full-day working parents we offer a comprehensive Aftercare facility which runs until 17h00 daily. A nutritious cooked meal is served for lunch, together with a snack in the afternoon.

## **HOLIDAY CARE**

The school has an exciting Holiday Care programme that runs from 07h00 to 17h00, Monday to Friday. The Holiday Care closes for 1 week in the June/July holiday and 2 - 3 weeks during the December holidays. We close on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, and return a week before the new school year begins.

## **UNIFORM**

An easy-to-wear bright uniform is compulsory from the 2-3 age group, and can be purchased from the Campus Kit Shop. Please refer to our uniform policy.

## **EXTRA MURALS**

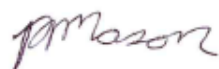
We offer a broad range of optional extramural paid activities, which are conveniently based at our school which allows for less driving around in the car and more active fun for your little ones. Extra Murals included: Chappies Cricket Kidz; Ballet; Track n Trail; Hip Hop; Soccer Stars; Playball; Garvlingz; Gymnastics; and Build em Blocks.

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTION**

As a proudly South African school, we actively connect with our local nearby community through our caring initiatives, teacher mentoring, and from 2019, the dynamic iThemba Scholars Programme. It is a core value of our team to help instill values of kindness and caring, as we believe you can make a positive difference no matter how young your age.

## **CONTACT**

Please do be in contact with our Administrator, Mrs Samantha Lee, to arrange a tour to see firsthand how Waterfall Pre-Primary can offer your little one the best start in their first steps on their journey of discovery.



**Mrs Paula Mason**  
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